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SUBJECT: CONSULTATION WITH AUSTRALIAN MISSION RE REPORT OF  
IAEA AD HOC ADVISORY GROUP ON NEPP

SUMMARY: DR. NEIL MCDONALD OF AUSTRALIAN MISSION REQUESTED  
CONSULTATION MISOFFS CONCERNING REPORT OF IAEA AD HOC ADVISORY  
GROUP ON NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES (NEPP).  
DISCUSSION DIRECTED PRIMARILY TO ACTION ON REPORT BY SEPTEMBER  
MEETING IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS, WITH MCDONALD  
DESCRIBING TYPE OF BOARD RESOLUTION AUSTRALIA HAD IN MIND.  
ACTIONS REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE TO AUSTRALIAN  
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MISSION RE USG VIEWS ON DISPOSITION OF REPORT BY  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS. END SUMMARY.

1. MCDONALD STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD CONCLUDED THAT,  
CONTRARY TO ITS EARLIER EXPECTATIONS, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE  
TO ESTABLISH AN "INTERNATIONAL SERVICE" FOR  
NEPP AT THIS TIME, WHILE THE SUBJECT OF CTB, INCLUDING

THE QUESTION OF NEPP, WAS UNDER ACTIVE DISCUSSION.

2. ORIGINAL HOPE OF AUSTRALIA, ACCORDING TO MCDONALD, WAS THAT EXISTENCE OF AN "INTERNATIONAL SERVICE," AVAILABLE TO ALL NNWS'S, WHETHER NPT PARTIES OR NOT, WOULD MAKE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES BY NNWS'S UNNECESSARY. IT WAS NOW ASSUMED, HOWEVER, THAT THE US AND UK WOULD NOT RPT NOT WISH TO SEE SUCH "SERVICE" ESTABLISHED AT THIS TIME, SINCE SUCH ACTION WOULD APPEAR TO ENDORSE UTILITY OF NEPP. AD HOC GROUP'S PRESENT EXERCISE SHOULD THEREFORE BE CONCLUDED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF ITS REPORT TO UNGA.

3. DECISION TO SEEK SUBMITTAL OF REPORT TO UNGA HAD ALSO LED HIS GOVERNMENT TO DRPO IDEA ADVANCED BY SOME OF HIS AUTHORITIES THAT SOME PART OR PARTS OF CURRENT DRAFT REPORT BE OMITTED FROM REPORT TO UNGA. PURPOSE

OF SUCH OMISSION WOULD HAVE BEEN TO DEMONSTRATE THAT AD HOC GROUP INTENDED TO DO MORE WORK ON THOSE PARTS. HIS GOVERNMENT WAS RATHER IN FAVOR OF BOARD RECOMMENDING SUBMISSION OF ENTIRE REPORT BY AD HOC GROUP, RECOGNIZING THAT REPORT INCLUDED ITEMS REQUIRING FURTHER WORK AND EXPRESSING BOARD'S INTENTION TO TAKE UP THOSE ITEMS AT SOME FUTURE BUT UNSPECIFIED TIME. MECHANISM FOR SUCH FUTURE WORK WOULD BE UNSPECIFIED AS WELL. THUS, CONFIDENTIAL

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MANDATE OF AD HOC GROUP WOULD EXPIRE, LEAVING TO BOARD IN FUTURE QUESTION OF WHETHER GROUP WOULD BE RECONSTITUTED OR TO UTILIZE SOME OTHER MECHANISM.

4. TO EFFECT OBJECTIVES DESCRIBED PARAS 1-3,

AUSTRALIA PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION AT SEPTEMBER BOARD (AT TIME AD HOC GROUP'S REPORT IS CONSIDERED BY BOARD) CALLING FOR REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED, IN ITS ENTIRETY, TO UNGA, AND STATING THAT BOARD WOULD CONTINUE ITS STUDY OF THOSE ITEMS ADDRESSED IN REPORT ON WHICH FURTHER STUDY IS WARRANTED. MCDONALD SUGGESTED THAT CO-SPONSORS OF RESOLUTION MIGHT INCLUDE AS NUCLEUS SAME GROUP: AUSTRALIA, UK, FRG, AND JAPAN. THAILAND WAS ALSO CO-SPONSOR OF ORIGINATING RESOLUTION, BUT SINCE THEY ARE NO LONGER ON BOARD, MALAYSIA MIGHT BE ASKED TO CO-SPONSOR. EGYPT MIGHT BE INCLUDED, TOGETHER WITH EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRY, POSSIBLY ROMANIA. MCDONALD ASSUMED NEITHER US NOR USSR WOULD WISH TO BE CO-SPONSOR.

5. MCDONALD SAID HE HAD BEGUN TO CONSULT ON IDEA OF

RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY SEPTEMBER BOARD TO  
ACCOMPLISH HIS GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE RE REPORT  
AND THAT HE HOPED TO COMPLETE CONSULATIONS DURING  
MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP BEGINNING AUGUST 8.  
SPECIFICALLY, HE NOW SOUGHT USG VIEWS RE DISPOSITION  
OF AD HOC GROUP'S REPORT BY BOARD AT ITS SEPTEMBER MEETING.

6. DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ARE REQUESTED RE AUSTRALIAN  
PROPOSAL FOR SEPTEMBER BOARD TO ADOPT RESOLUTION  
A) TRANSMITTING ENTIRE REPORT OF AD HOC GROUP (ASSUMING  
AGREEMENT REACHED ON TEXT DURING MEETING BEGINNING  
AUGUST 8) TO UNGA, B) NOTING THAT FURTHER WORK REQUIRED  
ON SOME ASPECTS, AND C) EXPRESSING INTENTION OF BOARD  
TO TAKE UP THOSE ASPECTS AT FUTURE (UNSPECIFIED)  
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TIME. SINCE AUSTRALIAN DEL EXPECTS TO BE CONSULTING  
PRIOR TO AND DURING MEETING OF GROUP BEGINNING  
AUGUST 8, THEY WISH TO HAVE INDICATION OF USG VIEWS  
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